

Springville, Erie Co. Sept 23. 1835.

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Dear Wife

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Yours of the 12th came to hand yesterday just as I was starting from Buffalo for this place. According to your request I write by return of mail though I little to write more than that I am well & still pleading the cause of the suffering & the dumb. I could get no place to lecture in Buffalo, not even at 5 o'clock P.M. on the Sabbath. His excellency King Mob governs the City & holds the friends of God & man, if indeed there are any there, in awe, so that they dare not move, or mutter or peep, except by his permission & on his authority. A queer state of things to be sure in this land of freedom — this home of the oppressed! Why said an Englishman in Buffalo, when informed that no place could be had — 'why I thought this was a free Country?' I spent the Sabbath in Buffalo & preached half the day in the free church, & took occasion to tell them some homely truth. Yesterday I came here & was received with open arms by a good brother Parmelee who preaches here, & to day we are off 16 miles to Lodi, to make arrangements for calling a general meeting, on the first week in October, of the friends of the Cause in the three Counties,

of Erie, Chautauque, & Cattaraugus, which lie around Buffalo & exert
a commanding influence upon Buffalo.

And so here I am at Lodi - to finish my letter
here. I wrote sometime since to Boston, to May, saying that I
must give up my agency & make some arrangement by
which I could be with my family, & yesterday I received a
letter from Dea. Gulliver, wishing me to supply the Free Church
for the time being, & saying also that Porter would be willing to
sell out the Spectator to me if I were disposed to take it. What
think you of this? This would give me the profits of the Spectator, if
any, & ten dollars the week beside to live on. I ask this not because
it is at all certain that any such arrangement, will go into effect
& yet it is possible. My own inclination however prompts me
to sit quietly down with you at Farmington, on a kind of half
pay as an agent & so lecturing occasionally as I can conveniently
in some of the towns in that vicinity, & at the same time acting
as a temporary supply of some pulpits near by.

And now dear wife you must not be surprised if the Con-
-vention should be called a week later than the time proposed,
& so called in order that it may not interfere with the
meetings of some ecclesiastical bodies, in this section, which
meet about that time. However whenever it may I shall
come home direct from it - no mistake about that - if my
life & health are spared. Remember me to all friends &
direct your next to me, at ^{Rochester} ~~Buffalo~~, Care of Geo. A. Avery, I believe
me as ever - Your affectionate husband - Amos A. Phelps

P. S. And as to my dear little boy tell him Papa will come just as
soon as he can, & he must be a good boy & mind Mamma all
the time till Papa comes — Tell him Papa sends him also
one sweet kiss. The dear little fellow I want to see him, & say
nothing now of his mother!!

~~Rev. Mr.~~
Amos A. Phelps -
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Mrs Charlotte Phelps

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